(c) whether Government have taken any decision on the recommendation of Malimath Committee regarding reduction of long vacations in the High Courts and Supreme Court, which might go a long way on the early disposal of the pending cases both in High Courts and Supreme Court, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The disposal rate not being adequate for the pendency, the Government has initiated a number of measures which include, timely filling the vacancies of judges, increasing the judge strength, grouping of cases etc. The Eleventh Finance Commission recommended a scheme for creation of 1734 Fast Track Courts at a cost of Rs. 502.90 crore. 1562 FTCs were functional, and they have disposed of 7.94 lakh cases so far, out of 15.28 lakh cases transferred to them. Thus disposing of more than 50% of cases assigned to them. Further, they have disposed of 2.81 lakh sessions cases, out of 4.41 lakh cases transferred to them. The Government has extended the term of existing 1562 Fast Track Courts for another five years *i.e.* upto 31.3.2010 for clearing huge pendency of cases at District level.

(c) No, Sir.

Pending cases

2752. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of civil, criminal and service matter cases are pending with the Supreme Court and various High Courts for more than five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof separately, category-wise, court-wise; and

(c) the effective steps proposed to be taken by Government for the speedy disposal of the long pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) A Statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) In order to reduce pendency of cases Government has initiated a number of measures which include, timely filling the vacancies of

judges, increasing the judge strength, grouping of cases, involving common question of law, constitution of specialized benches, organizing Lok Adalats at regular intervals encouraging alternative modes of dispute resolution like negotiation, mediation and arbitration, and setting up of special tribunals like Central Administrative Tribunals, State Administrative Tribunals, Income Tax Appellate Tribunals, Family Courts and Labour Courts. Further it has been decided to focus on reforms in a few core areas which include computerization of judiciary, disposal through fast track courts, development of physical infrastructure and evolution of strategies to cope with massive governance related inadequacies in Indian Judiciary through studies, pilots and reform projects. The Government has extended the term of existing 1562 Fast Track Courts for another five year *i.e.* upto 31.3.2010 for clearing huge pendency of cases at District level.

Statement

Details of cases pending in Supreme Court and various High Courts for more than five years

Sl.No.		Pendency of cases for more than five years	
		Civil	Criminal
1	2	3	4
I.	**Supreme Court**	**646**	**168**
II.	**High Courts**		
1.	Allahabad	442729	82644
2.	Andhra Pradesh	42432	1436
3.	Bombay	110047	20252
4.	Calcutta	23366	29096
5.	Delhi	62573	1914
6.	Guahati	2880	249
7.	Gujarat	45434	55613
8.	Himachal Pradesh	2033	418
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	2973	185

1	2	3	4
10.	Karnataka	5715	558
11.	Kerala	43360	4675
12.	Madhya Pradesh	112418	34451
13.	Madras	7797	1244
14.	Orissa	54860	4776
15.	Patna	11630	1831
16.	Punjab & Haryana	112421	10506
17.	Rajasthan	36980	15221
18.	Sikkim	1	1
19.	Uttaranchal	16597	4455
20.	Jharkhand	16842	12751
21.	Chhattisgarh	Not Available	

Statutorisation of Laws laid by Supreme Court

2753. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to statutorise the laws laid down by the Supreme Court of India, from time to time;

(b) whether any exercise has been undertaken in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

New Law for Judiciary

†2754. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate new laws for judiciary;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.